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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Not in all cases."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"I am referring to the district of North Arcot?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Notice, Sir."

Pensions

Certificate by pensioners of the non-receipt of any remuneration by them from local funds.

* 610 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government pensioners are at present required to append a certificate to their monthly pension bill declaring that they have not received any remuneration for serving in any capacity under a local fund;

(b) whether there is any necessity for this rule at present or whether it is only a relic of the past when the local funds were incorporated with the Government funds; and

(c) if the latter, whether there is any proposal before the Government to get the rule or the form amended?

A.—(a) A certificate of non-employment has to be signed to the effect that no remuneration has been received for serving in any capacity either in a Government establishment or in an establishment paid from a local fund.

(b) The rules in the Civil Service Regulations regarding re-employment apply to service under all local funds. The certificate referred to in clause (a) is necessary as long as these rules are in force.

(c) No.

Forest Panchayats

Expenses incurred by Forest Panchayats in connexion with the Panchayats' Conference.

* 611 Q.—Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR: With reference to the answer to question No. 122, dated the 5th August 1931, regarding expenses incurred by Paranallur and other Forest Panchayats in connexion with the Panchayats' Conference, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Board of Revenue has passed any orders;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place those orders on the table together with the reasons which made the Board to issue such orders; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

(*b*) The suggestion will be considered when the report called for is received.

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know what the policy of the Government with regard to these conferences of Forest Panchayats is? Does the Government like to encourage these conferences? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I do not know that we have got any special policy. If we want to have a conference of panchayats, we could call it ourselves."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know whether, if the panchayatdars themselves call for a conference, the Government does not think that it is a good thing, as they do it themselves? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know, Sir, if the Collectors have issued any orders prohibiting the expenditure of money of the Forest Panchayats on such conferences? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" We have called for a report on this subject."

Prisons

Release of Mappilla prisoners.

* 612 *Q*.—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps the Government have taken by way of considering the question of the release of Mappillas undergoing punishment in consequence of conviction for offences connected with the Malabar Rebellion of 1921 as well as the Mappilla State prisoners confined under the Mappilla Outrages Act and State Prisoners Regulation;

(*b*) whether the Government have come to any conclusion with reference to their release; and

(*c*) what the reason is for the delay in decision?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the Press Communiqué, dated the 24th October 1931, a copy of which was placed on the table of the House with reference to clause (*d*) of question No. 251 answered on the 30th October 1931.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know what the hon. the Law Member proposes to do with the Mappilla State prisoners? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I had made a statement with reference to that on Saturday. Their cases also are being examined. They number roughly between 190 and 200.

[For further list of starred questions, please see page 536 infra.]